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down here to serve you and, thanks to you, you have elected me Chairman of the Natural Resources Committee. For that, I am very grateful. When a group like the Sportsmen's Foundation brings me an issue like this, and you have a list of some of the minor members...this doesn't include Pheasants Forever, Ducks Unlimited, Trout Unlimited, White Tails Forever, it doesn't include...when they bring something like this to me, and I can see in neighboring states, with the same demographics we have, that it passes by 80 percent...and my good friend Mike Friend, who is on my side and I appreciate that, says, where's the passion? I'm as passionate as I can be this morning. Take your Are we going to put this on the ballot? Now, choice, folks. you say, where's the urgency, where's the need? Well, you know, the big bad wolf is going to show up sometime. I don't know when. But is our house going to be built out of straw, or is it going to be built out of bricks? If we pass this, then I think the sportsmen of the state will have a house built out of bricks. Now, I don't know if there's 33 votes here, but don't bricks. ask me where the passion is. I'm for this. The people of Nebraska are for it. And you would deny putting it on the ballot when it's going to pass by 80 percent? I don't think that's why I was elected to come down here, to say, no, we don't to do that; you don't know anything; we want to keep the constitution pure. Well, the constitution has things in it like marriage and gambling and, yes, it even has term limits. I I think this is what the people think this is appropriate. want. And are we listening to the people? Now, I'm a little disappointed there isn't a little more support out there. I don't know what you're hearing, but I'll tell you what. going to a Pheasants Forever banquet this weekend in Holdrege and they'll be passionate about it. I went up to the sportsmen show in Omaha last week and there was a crowded parking lot and you couldn't talk to the outfitters talking about fishing and hunting trips and all the equipment that was there. You could buy fishing rods. You could buy campers. You could buy boats worth \$100,000. And there's people on this list from Omaha and Lincoln. You've got a choice to take. I want to know where you stand on this. And then I think we should be accountable to the people that elected us. You can call this frivolous if you want. To me, it isn't. I have seen things take place since I've been here. I want to talk about the prairie dog. When I